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Dear Mr Garrison

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My eyes permit me to write only a few lines at a time, but there is one subject on which I feel so much that I beg you to allow me to say a word or two, even though I cannot through physical inability state the arguments that would enforce them.

My impression was that at the time of the Annual Meeting the Mass. A. S. Socy would meet the question of funds, & by a Circular issued by the Board just previous & by the appointment

of a special meeting at the
time for collecting money, do the
work heretofore performed by the
Festival. Still if the ladies or
members of the Bazaar arrange
otherwise I prefer to issue an
address now in the name of
the ladies instead of the Bazaar
it is all very well, & of course
I can only hope it will meet
with great success.

But I do beg that in such
addresses there may be no allusion
made to foreign help & that the
mention of such address may
not be requested in the Address.
In respect to the English Ab-
olitionists & their action since the
war began we can almost say
with the Apostle "no man stood
by us." George Thompson, Mr. Reid
& the sister 2 two or three

others have behaved well, but
all our other help has come
from Bright, Hull, & here &
there a stray M. P. whom we
had known nothing of as an
abolitionist. If you have observed
neither Mr Cairnes nor R. D. Webb
nor Lord Carlisle nor any other
of our half & half friends, even
envisage the fact that we may
it is to be hoped we shall,
become a great free nation.
one nation from the Lakes to the
Gulf & not a slave in it.
That is the prize every good
abolitionist should make for us.
Under these circumstances we
degrade our country, if we ask
their pecuniary help. I would not
give them occasion to say, "After
all, our abolition friends have only
minded on their war on their
President's proclamation. They are

state asking for money of us
of us English people who have hardly
found one whose they are fighting
for, & who don't know which is
right North or South."

It would be too a useless humie
intention. A very few pounds & a
half a dozen impertinent epistles
would be all the result. Even
if England or any considerable
portion of her people were Anti
Slavery, which they are not, then
chief duty now is to their own
starving millions.

Perhaps you do not think of our
quondam friends abroad as I do.
I think they have been weighed
in the balances & found wanting.
If they had lived in
Boston they would always have
been pro slavery. But I cannot
write any more. Only don't ask
their money. Is ever very truly
A. W. Weston.